

Public Right of Way User Evidence Form

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Section 53(3)

The object of this enquiry is simply to establish how a path or way has been used by the public over a period of time. Please answer the questions as fully as possible and do not keep back any information.

Your Details

Name:

Address:

Post Code:

Tel No(s):

Email:

Date of Birth:

Giving Evidence

- a) If this claim is contested are you prepared to give evidence at the Local Public Inquiry which might result?

Yes

No

- b) Are you prepared to make a more detailed signed statement with respect to the information you have provided?

Yes

No

Declaration

Please sign this declaration on completion of the whole form

Name:	<input type="text"/>	Person completing this form, if different from the claimant:	
Signed:	<input type="text"/>	Name:	<input type="text"/>
Date:	<input type="text"/>	Signed:	<input type="text"/>

Important note:

Data Protection Act 1998

Under the Data Protection Act we have a duty to inform you about how we will handle your personal data.

In order to decide if a Public Right of Way exists it may be necessary to disclose information received from you to others including government departments, public bodies, other organisations and members of the public.

Therefore the information provided on this form cannot be treated as confidential. You should only provide us with personal information if you are happy for it to be placed in the public domain. Do not include information about another person (including family members) unless you have told them and they are happy for you to do so.

Return of Form

Completed forms and attached documents (including a plan) should be returned to;

Access and Rights of Way
Regeneration & Economic Development
Durham County Council
County Hall
Durham
DH1 5UQ

1 Details of the Path

For Durham County Council Use Only

File Ref:

a) Parish / Village / Town:

Roddymoor, Crook

b) Description including the start point, description of the route and end point:

c) Grid references

Start: NZ 15999 36616

End: NZ 16073 36436

Important Note: Please attach a plan to this form (minimum scale 1:25,000) showing the route of the path, as described above, and any further information requested in this form

d) Why do you regard this way as public?

2 Your use of the path

a) Have you used it;	Yes	No	b) Years during which you have used path*:					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	From	To	From	To	From	To
On Foot?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
On Horseback?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
With a Vehicle?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
c) On average how many times each year?								

*These boxes are provided to allow you to indicate any variations in use which may have occurred over the years.

d) Where were you going?

From:

To:

For what purpose?

Leisure & walking to work

e) Have you always followed the same route?

YES

If NO, when and why was it changed?

NO

3 Stiles and Gates

a) On the route have there ever been;

Stiles?

YES

Gates?

YES

NO

NO

If YES, Please mark the locations on the plan you have attached. If any stiles or gates have not existed consistently throughout the time you have used the path; please give further information in Question 9 about dates (to the best of your knowledge) when they were erected or removed.

4 Signs & Notices

a) Have there ever been any signs or notices along the route?

YES

If YES, give wording & mark their location on the plan. If NO, Go to question 5

NO

b) During what years were they present?

From:

To:

5 Obstructions

a) Has the route ever been obstructed e.g. by fencing, equipment, crops etc?

YES

NO

If YES, please give details of the obstruction(s), the dates they were present and the extent to which you were prevented from using the path. Please mark the locations on the plan.

6 Route boundaries

a) Is the route or any part of the route enclosed between boundaries, i.e. hedges, fences, ditches, walls?

YES

If YES, please give details including the width between boundaries and state the type of boundary and type of surface between the boundaries e.g. track with grass verges.

NO

7 Access permission and usage

a) Did you ever seek or get permission to use the route?

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	If YES, from whom?
NO	<input type="checkbox"/>	

b) Have you, or to your knowledge has anyone, ever been challenged and/or told the route was not a public path?

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	If YES, please give details and include dates
NO	<input type="checkbox"/>	

c) Have you used the route to visit someone, go to your own land or property, or deliver goods at a location on the path or immediately adjacent?

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	If YES, please give details and include dates
NO	<input type="checkbox"/>	

d) At any time when you have used the route were you working for any owner or occupier of any land over which it runs or were you the tenant of any such owner or occupier?

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	If YES, please give the dates and particulars of the owner or occupier, if NO, go to section c
NO	<input type="checkbox"/>	

e) Have you ever used the route during a period when you were NOT an employee or tenant of the owner or occupier?

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
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8 Evidence

Are you aware of any old documents to support your claim?

YES

If YES, please give details of the evidence below and attach a copy of the evidence to this form

NO

9 Additional Information

Please provide any other information e.g. more information about stiles and gates, notices, obstructions, condition of the path i.e. is it made up or a worn out path through fields, usage over time, if you were ever stopped from using the path and any other information that you consider to be important in your claim.

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